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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. MOROCCAN FONMIN LARAKI MET WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI
DEC 5, TO EXPRESS GOM'S GRATITUDE AND SATISFACTION
WITH US STATEMENT IN FOURTH COMMITTEE CONCERNING SAHARA
(USUN 5683). LARAKI AGREED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, USG HAD
COMPLETELY FULFILLED PROMISE MADE TO GOM.

2. LARAKI EMPHASIZED THAT MOROCCO'S INTEREST IN SAHARA
WAS GEO-POLITICAL IN NATURE. MOROCCO WISHED TO AVOID
ANOTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION MATERIALIZING IN
NORTHWEST AFRICA. MOROCCO'S INTEREST WAS NOT IN PHOSPHATES
OF THE SAHARA. JURIDICAL AND HISTORICAL CLAIMS BY
MOROCCO, WHILE JUSTIFIED, ALSO WERE SECONDARY TO GEO-
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

3. LARAKI SAID THAT MOROCCAN PROPOSAL HAD MET WITH OPPOSITION
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DURING AFRICAN GROUP MEETING DEC 4 (USUN 5703). SENEGAL

AND IVORY COAST WERE AMONG THOSE OPPOSING MOROCCAN DRAFT RES. LARAKI ASKED WHETHER WE COULD ENCOURAGE VOTING SUPPORT IN FOURTH COMMITTEE ON PART OF PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AND SEVERAL LATIN AMERICANS. HE SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD US POSITION ON VOTE, AS EXPLAINED EARLIER TO PERMREP SLAOUI BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE.

4. AMB. SCALI TOLD LARAKI HOW VERY DELICATE OUR OWN POSITION WAS, WITH TWO FRIENDS INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE. WE DID NOT WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION TO ONE SIDE THAT WE WERE TILTING IN FAVOR OF THE OTHER. LARAKI DID NOT PRESS ISSUE FURTHER AND IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT LOBBYING EFFORT BY US. IN CLSING, LARAKI SAID WRYLY THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT TO REMAIN AT UN FOR THE VOTE ON MOROCCO'S DRAFT RES. FYI: AS YET, RES HAS NOT BEEN TABLED IN FOURTH COMMITTEE.
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